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Dear Bruce –

We wanted to be sure that you saw this communication yesterday from Cargill's Redwood City bayfill developer, DMB. In particular, I thought you would be interested to see they are asserting that the next steps involve **"making a formal request to federal agencies** to clarify certain aspects of the federal regulatory approval process."

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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A message from Eneas A. Kane, President & CEO Redwood City Saltworks

Dear Friend,

As you likely know by now, our development and restoration planning for Redwood City Saltworks has reached a pivotal juncture.

I want to communicate with you directly on our decision earlier this month to withdraw our previous Saltworks development application, and on the steps that we will be taking toward determining the future of the Saltworks, given the dynamic range of truly transformative opportunities — social, economic and environmental — presented by its unparalleled scale and location.

I also want to thank you for your engagement respecting our initial 50/50 proposal. The input that we have received from literally thousands of stakeholders – both during the process of developing the original 50/50 proposal and, more recently, through the city comment processes – will guide us in creating a revised Saltworks project and a future of which we can all one day be proud.

Specifically, and based on public input, we intend to bring forward a smaller, mixed-used, transit-oriented Saltworks project confined to a development footprint less than half the acreage of the earlier 50/50 proposal. The revised plan will be confined to the areas of oldest industrial use and the greatest historic disturbance. From a physical perspective, the areas where the revised plan will now be focused are the most heavily manipulated — filled, clay lined, engineered and leveled as crystallizer beds for the final stages of industrial salt-making over the last 100 years — and the least suited to being excavated and recreated as marshland. To briefly digress, this portion of the 1,433 acre site nearest to Seaport Boulevard was filled beginning in the late 1800s, a process that continued through the early 1900s until the expansion of the outer levee system to its existing configuration in the early 1940s, pursuant to the Department of War permit. From a local planning

perspective, these confined portions of the property have long been designated under the Redwood City General Plan as Urban Reserve which specifically contemplates inclusion within future expansion of the urbanized area of the city.

From our analysis, we believe a smaller Saltworks project on this limited segment of the property can deliver the privately financed public benefits sought by Redwood City residents — more affordable housing, improved traffic flow, new parks, sports fields, miles of Bayside hiking trails and more.

Recently, regional and state leaders have identified the need for an estimated \$1 billion worth of levee upgrades, for both near-term and long-term flood control and sea level-rise protection safeguarding South Bay communities, both to preserve natural habitats and to protect and enhance the residential and business areas essential to the future vitality of the Silicon Valley region. The revised Saltworks project, because of its scale and location proximate to existing neighborhoods and millions of square feet of existing and future employment, can play an important role in bringing private resources to help meet this critical local and regional challenge.

I also want to share our immediate next steps. Given the significant changes to the project scope and its physical footprint, we will be making a formal request to federal agencies to clarify certain aspects of the federal regulatory approval process. We believe concluding this regulatory process is an essential and responsible next step prior to presenting a revised Saltworks plan to the City of Redwood City and the public.

Let me thank you again for your engagement with us in working toward the future of this important resource.

Very truly yours,

Eneas A. Kane
President & CEO

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